

## 2008/2009 Public Beach List - Special Rules

The following pages list public beaches with special rules because of resource needs and/or restrictions on harvest due to health concerns. **If a beach is not listed, it is open for recreational harvest year-round unless closed by emergency rule or marine toxins/PSP levels.** Not all public beaches have been evaluated by the State Department of Health so the health risk of an unlisted beach may not be known. If you have questions about safety on a beach, call the local county health department or the State Department of Health at **(360) 236-3330** or **(800) 562-5632**. In addition, local health departments may have posted beaches within their jurisdictions that are not listed here - look for warning signs. Refer to the 2008/2009 Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet for more detailed information on daily bag limits, size restrictions and bonus limits. See the 2008/2009 Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet for Marine Area maps, marine preserves and conservation areas; contact the State Department of Health or the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/shellfish/beachreg> for beach locations.

### 2008/2009 Beach Seasons

(Click beach name below to view beach-specific webpage)	clam season = <b>open</b>																oyster season = <b>open</b>							
	Jan1- Jan15	Jan15- Jan31	Feb1- Feb15	Feb15- Feb29	Mar1- Mar15	Mar15- Mar31	Apr1- Apr15	Apr15- Apr30	May1- May15	May15- May31	Jun1- Jun15	Jun15- Jun30	Jul1- Jul15	Jul15- Jul31	Aug1- Aug15	Aug15- Aug31	Sep1- Sep15	Sep15- Sep30	Oct1- Oct15	Oct15- Oct31	Nov1- Nov15	Nov15- Nov30	Dec1- Dec15	Dec15- Dec31
<a href="#">Ala Spit</a>	No natural production of oysters																							
<a href="#">Belfair State Park</a>																								
<a href="#">Brown Point DNR 57-B</a>	OYSTERS CLOSED																							
<a href="#">Cama Beach State Park</a>	CLAMS CLOSED OYSTERS CLOSED																							
<a href="#">Camano Island State Park</a>	CLAMS CLOSED No natural production of oysters																							
<a href="#">Cushman Park</a>																								
<a href="#">Dosewallips State Park</a>																								
<a href="#">Duckabush</a>																								
<a href="#">Dungeness Spit and NWR Tidelands</a>	No natural production of oysters																							
<a href="#">Eagle Creek</a>																								
<a href="#">Fort Flagler State Park and Rat Island</a>	Very limited natural production of oysters																							
<a href="#">Freeland County Park</a>	CLOSED No natural production of oysters																							
<a href="#">Frye Cove County Park</a>	Enhanced oyster bed																							
Garrison Bay/British Camp	All tidelands of Guss Island, and all public tidelands at British Camp (San Juan County) between the National Park Serve dinghy dock and the southern park boundary are CLOSED to CLAM harvest year-round. Tidelands north of the dinghy dock to Bell Point are OPEN year-round																							
<a href="#">Hope Island State Park (South Puget Sound)</a>																								
<a href="#">Illahee State Park</a>	Enhanced oyster bed																							
<a href="#">Kayak Point County Park</a>	CLAMS CLOSED, open to harvest of mussels all year No natural production of oysters																							

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<a href="#">Sequim Bay State Park</a>																								
	Enhanced oyster beds																							
<a href="#">Shine Tidelands State Park</a>																								
<a href="#">Skaqit Bay</a>	East of a line from Browns Point to Swinomish Slough entrance: Bonus limit 20 lbs of EASTERN SOFTSHELL CLAMS in the shell in addition to regular clam limit.																							
	No natural production of oysters																							
<a href="#">South Indian Island County Park</a>																								
<a href="#">Spencer Spit State Park</a>																								
	No natural production of oysters																							
<a href="#">Triton Cove Tidelands</a>																								
<a href="#">Twanoh State Park</a>																								
<a href="#">West Dewatto (DNR 44-A)</a>																								
<a href="#">Willapa Bay</a>	Bonus limit: 24 cockles in addition to the regular clam limit																							
<a href="#">WINAS-Maylor Point East</a>	National security concerns control access. Contact John Phillips, Naval Air Station (360) 257-8873 or (360) 257-1009 for more information on access requirements.																							
<a href="#">Wolfe Property State Park</a>																								

**NOTE:** Emergency rule changes may occur throughout the year and will supersede the rules shown in this chart. Changes can be found by contacting the Shellfish Rule Change Hotline, Fish Program statewide customer service (360) 902-2700, and are also available on the WDFW website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov>

**WDFW SHELLFISH RULE CHANGE HOTLINE: 1-866-880-5431**

**DOH SHELLFISH SAFETY HOTLINE 1-800-562-5632**

**KNOW YOUR DAILY LIMITS! FILL ALL HOLES! SHUCK ALL OYSTERS AND LEAVE SHELLS ON THE BEACH WHERE YOU FOUND THEM!**

**Two different state agencies are responsible for two different types of shellfish closures.** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is responsible for conservation closures, which are listed in the Public Beach List above. These closures are designed to protect and conserve existing shellfish populations. Washington Department of Health (DOH) is responsible for human health related closures, which result from PSP/ASP, *Vibrio* bacteria or pollution. These closures are in response to potentially life-threatening environmental conditions. It is possible that a beach will be "open" by DOH and "closed" by WDFW at the same time. In these cases, it is illegal to harvest clams and oysters. It is also possible that a beach is "open" by WDFW and "closed" by DOH at the same time. In these cases, harvesting shellfish may put you at risk for serious illness or death. **ALWAYS BE SURE TO CHECK BOTH THE CURRENT WDFW SEASON AND THE DOH HEALTH CLOSURE STATUS BEFORE HARVESTING ON A PUBLIC BEACH.**

Razor clam seasons occur only after clam samples have been tested by Washington Department of Health (DOH) and are found to be safe for human consumption.